

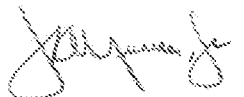
**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Reconsideration of the above-identified application respectfully requested. The amendments to the claims provide for a minimum of 4 inputs and 4 outputs based on the application at Figs. 2 and 3, and Table 2 on page 7. No new matter is added.

Applicants believe that the amended claims clearly define over Askura, which merely picks off a single signal for outputting. The amended claims distribute at least 4 input signals to any of at least 4 outputs. The amended claims now define over the trivial case of Askura.

Favorable action on the amended claims respectfully is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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